

March 6, 2015

TO: Senator Fonfara, Representative Berger, Senator Frantz, Representative Davis and members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

RE: Community Investment Act

The Town of Coventry does not support the cut of the Community Investment Act funds in the Governor's proposed budget.

This funding mechanism has been an extremely important tool for the State to support critical natural, historical, cultural and housing resources. In the past, the Town of Coventry has been the grateful recipient of grant funds to enable open space protection, historic preservation and agricultural land preservation activities.

It is our strong opinion that the Act has been an absolute success throughout nearly the entire State of Connecticut by supporting communities since 2005 in the sectors of agricultural/farmland preservation, open space protection, historic preservation and affordable housing. All of these are necessary ingredients to maintain the State's quality of life, character, sustainability and overall wellbeing.

We urge you to not eliminate or negatively impact the funds for the Community Investment Act.

Thank you,

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